

## Welcome to FMMI!

### What is FMMI you may ask?

**FMMI is the Financial Management Modernization Initiative.** USDA has taken steps to modernize its financial systems through a state-of-the-art software package that provides online, real-time transaction capability and access that impacts every Agency in the Department. It will replace the Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS). USDA launched FMMI after identifying the need to upgrade aging financial software systems used at the agency and Department levels.

FMMI is sponsored by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) and the goals and benefits of the program are focused on the following primary objectives:

- ✓ Address legacy system support and material weaknesses
- ✓ Deliver an integrated/real-time financial system with on-demand query capabilities
- ✓ Streamline financial-business processes
- ✓ Provide data integrity, reliability, consistency, and sharing across USDA
- ✓ Improve functional integration, accountability, internal controls, and the ability to audit transactions
- ✓ Improve financial performance and management reporting to help with decision-making
- ✓ Provide financial compliance and a backbone for future Department-wide capabilities
- ✓ Comply and integrate with Federal accounting/system standards and mandates

### FMMI Status to Date

In October 2009, the Departmental Management and Staff Offices (DMSO), including the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) implemented the Financial Management Modernization Initiative (FMMI) system. In March 2010, the Research, Education and Economics (REE) Agencies began using FMMI for their financial operations as well.

### When is FMMI coming to your Agency?

The USDA Agencies targeted to Go-Live in Deployment 2 are scheduled as follows:

- ✓ Late Fall 2010 - Rural Development (RD), Risk Management Agency (RMA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- ✓ Spring 2011 - Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

### We Need You!

To continue to make FMMI a successful project with meaningful results to USDA, it is imperative for our Agencies to take an active role in the implementation of the system. The goal is to continue to have a single instance of the system with consistent policies and procedures across the Department. This means there will be some amount of change for everyone. Some of the changes you may not like or completely agree with but keep in mind the bigger picture of what is best for the entire Department.

Deployment 2 activities officially kicked off in January 2010. Agency Implementation teams have been identified and are working with the FMMI Core team to complete the various communication, training, data cleansing, IT and build tasks required to be ready for your Agency's Go-Live.

Implementation of FMMI is critical for the future of USDA. We have already achieved many positive results and by working together we can achieve success for your organization. Thanks in advance for your support and participation.

## \* FMMI D2 Newsflash - #1 \*



### Continue to be in on the buzz!

We will continue to provide you with additional information on FMMI, specifically on the benefits and impacts to you, as we get closer to Go-Live. If you have any questions, please contact (insert Agency implementation lead or communications lead as appropriate)

### Your Agency Implementation Team

The team dedicated to supporting your Agency through the transition includes:

- Implementation Lead: (insert Agency POC name)
- Communication Lead: (insert Agency POC name)
- Functional SMEs: (insert Agency POC name)
- Role and Training Lead: (insert Agency POC name)
- Security Lead: (insert Agency POC name)
- Data Conversion Lead: (insert Agency POC name)
- IT POC: (insert Agency POC name)
- Reports Lead: (insert Agency POC name)